1307. Redistricting. Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

COUNTY	PETITION FILED W/COUNTY	SOS REC'D RAW	SOS REC'D RANDOM		RAW COUNT	RANDOM SAMPLE/ FULL CHECK	VALID SIGS.	INVALID	DUP.	VALID OR PROJ. VALID	%
1. ALAMEDA										0	0.0%
2. ALPINE				Random Notice:						0	0.0%
3. AMADOR										0	0.0%
4. BUTTE				Random Due:						0	0.0%
5. CALAVERAS										0	0.0%
6. COLUSA										0	0.0%
7. CONTRA COSTA										0	0.0%
8. DEL NORTE										0	0.0%
9. EL DORADO										0	0.0%
10. FRESNO										0	0.0%
11. GLENN										0	0.0%
12. HUMBOLDT										0	0.0%
13. IMPERIAL										0	0.0%
14. INYO										0	0.0%
15. KERN										0	0.0%
16. KINGS										0	0.0%
17. LAKE										0	0.0%
18. LASSEN										0	0.0%
19. LOS ANGELES										0	0.0%
20. MADERA										0	0.0%
21. MARIN										0	0.0%
22. MARIPOSA										0	0/0!
23. MENDOCINO										0	0.0%
24. MERCED										0	0.0%
25. MODOC										0	0.0%
26. MONO										0	0.0%
27. MONTEREY										0	0.0%
28. NAPA										0	0.0%
29. NEVADA										0	0.0%
30. ORANGE										0	0.0%
31. PLACER	05/05/08	05/06/08			19,994					0	0.0%
32. PLUMAS										0	0.0%
33. RIVERSIDE										0	0.0%
34. SACRAMENTO										0	0.0%
35. SAN BENITO										0	0.0%
36. SAN BERNARDINO										0	0.0%
37. SAN DIEGO										0	0.0%
38. SAN FRANCISCO										0	0.0%
39. SAN JOAQUIN										0	0.0%
40. SAN LUIS OBISPO										0	0.0%
41. SAN MATEO										0	0.0%
42. SANTA BARBARA										0	0.0%
43. SANTA CLARA										0	0.0%
44. SANTA CRUZ										0	0.0%
45. SHASTA										0	0.0%
46. SIERRA										0	0.0%
47. SISKIYOU										0	0.0%
48. SOLANO										0	0.0%
49. SONOMA										0	0.0%
50. STANISLAUS	05/05/08	05/05/08			19,430					0	0.0%
51. SUTTER										0	0.0%
52. TEHAMA										0	0.0%
53. TRINITY										0	0.0%
54. TULARE										0	0.0%
55. TUOLUMNE				RANGE:						0	0.0%
56. VENTURA				110% = 763,790						0	0.0%
57. YOLO				100% = 694,354						0	0.0%
58. YUBA				95% = 659,637						0	0.0%
TOTAL:					39,424	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!

The Signature Verification Process

After the proponents of a statewide ballot measure collect voter signatures on their petitions, the petitions are turned in to county elections offices. County elections officials then verify signatures against voter registration records.

Each county reports its information to the Secretary of State, who maintains a signature verification spreadsheet to track what is happening with each pending statewide ballot measure in each of the 58 counties. This spreadsheet tracks the signature reports through the entire qualification process. It includes each county's raw count of signatures, the random sample of signatures, and, if necessary, the full check of signatures.

An initiative or referendum qualifies for the ballot after enough counties have filed certified reports with the Secretary of State showing that the initiative or referendum petition has been signed by the number of voters required by law.

For constitutional amendment measures, 694,354 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 8% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

For statutory measures and referenda, 433,971 valid signatures are required, which is equal to 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the most recent gubernatorial election. (California Constitution, article II, section 8(b); Elections Code section 9035)

Glossary of Terms

Duplicate
A signature of a voter who has signed a specific petition more than once is called a "duplicate." Duplicates are included in the total number of invalid signatures. While invalid signatures are simply not counted, the penalty for submitting a duplicate signature is more severe and actually counts against the official total. (California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 20531)

Full Check
If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the petition signatures are valid, then the signature verification process must proceed to a full check of signatures in all counties. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to determine the total number of valid signatures and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. (Elections Code section 9031)

This term is also used in the random sample stage if a county receives less than 500 total petition signatures for a measure and is required to verify all signatures.

Invalid Signature
A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from someone who is not a legally registered voter.

Projected Valid Signatures
In cases where only a random sample of signatures was conducted, the "projected valid" number represents the total projected number of valid signatures based on a random sampling formula established by state law. In cases where a full check of signatures was conducted, the "projected valid" number the total number of valid signatures verified by the county. See also: "random or random sample/full check."

Random Due
The date by which county elections officials must submit their random sample verification certificates to the Secretary of State.

Random Notice
The date the Secretary of State notified county elections officials to proceed with a random sample verification of petition signatures. Counties have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State.

Random Sample or Random Sample/Full Check
If the raw count of signatures is equal to or exceeds 100% of the total number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative measure, the Secretary of State directs the county elections officials to begin the random sample signature verification process. County elections officials then have 30 working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) to verify the validity of the signatures filed with their office using a random sampling technique established by state law and report the numbers to the Secretary of State. Each county elections official is required to verify 500 signatures or 3% of the total number of signatures filed in the county, whichever is greater. Counties receiving less than 500 petition signatures are required to do a "full check," verifying all of the signatures filed. (Elections Code section 9030)

If the results of a random sample project that less than 95% of the required number of petition signatures are valid, then the measure fails to qualify for the ballot. If the random sample results project that 110% or more of the signatures are valid, then the measure qualifies for the ballot. If the random sample results project that between 95% and 110% of the signatures are valid, then the signature verification process proceeds to a full check of signatures in all counties.

Raw Count
Within eight working days (which excludes weekends and holidays) after the petition is filed, county elections officials are required to tally the total number of signatures on the petition sections submitted in their county and report the total to the Secretary of State. If the total, or "raw count," of signatures on petitions submitted throughout the state is below 100% of the signatures required by law, the Secretary of State notifies the county elections officials that the measure has failed to qualify for the ballot and no further action is taken on that measure. (Elections Code section 9030)

Valid Signature
A county elections official has determined the petition signature is from a legally registered voter.

Disclaimer

This is a working document. The number of valid petition signatures can change daily and this document is updated when there are changes.

County elections officials are responsible for verifying petition signatures and reporting their numbers to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State does not have the legal authority to review petition signatures for validity.